

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A mobile device comprising:
a housing;
a speaker disposed within the housing for projecting audible signals from the mobile device; and
a combined attachment and acoustic port comprising an opening disposed on the housing and an attachment member spanning the opening for attaching an external strap to the mobile device, the combined attachment and acoustic port configured to project audible sound from the speaker ~~and further including an attachment member for attaching an external member to the mobile device.~~
2. (Original) The mobile device of claim 1 wherein the attachment member comprises a support bar disposed in the combined attachment and acoustic port.
3. (Original) The mobile device of claim 2 wherein the support bar comprises a rigid material spanning the combined attachment and acoustic port.
4. (Currently Amended) The mobile device of claim 2 wherein the support bar is spaced from the housing to enable a portion of the external strap member to extend between the support bar and the housing.
5. (Currently Amended) The mobile device of claim 4 wherein the support bar is spaced from the housing to enable a spring clip disposed on one end of the external strap member to extend between the support bar and the housing.

6. (Original) The mobile device of claim 1 further comprising an acoustic channel disposed within the mobile device between the speaker and the combined attachment and acoustic port to acoustically connect the speaker to the combined attachment and acoustic port.
7. (Original) The mobile device of claim 1 wherein the speaker projects high-level voice audio via the combined attachment and acoustic port.
8. (Original) The mobile device of claim 1 wherein the speaker projects notification signals via the combined attachment and acoustic port.
9. (Original) The mobile device of claim 1 wherein the mobile device comprises at least one of a portable radio, a portable cassette player, a portable CD player, a portable mini-disc player, and a portable MP3 player.
10. (Original) The mobile device of claim 1 further comprising a communication circuit disposed within the housing for transmitting and receiving signals.
11. (Original) The mobile device of claim 10 wherein the mobile device comprises at least one of a cellular telephone, a personal data assistant, a pager, and a personal communications system.
12. (Original) The mobile device of claim 1 wherein the combined attachment and acoustic port is disposed on an outer edge of the housing.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of outputting audible signals from a mobile device comprising a housing and a speaker for projecting the audible signals disposed within the housing, the method comprising:

providing a recessed acoustic port on at least a portion of the housing to project acoustic sound from the mobile device, said acoustic port comprising an opening disposed in at least a portion of the housing; and
placing an attachment member in the acoustic port for attaching an external strap member to the mobile device.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13 wherein placing the attachment member in the acoustic port comprises spanning the attachment member across the recessed acoustic port and spaced with respect to the recessed acoustic port a sufficient amount to enable a portion of the external strap member to attach to the attachment member.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13 further comprising providing an acoustic channel within the mobile device between the speaker and the combined attachment and acoustic port to direct the audible signals from the speaker to the acoustic port.

16. (Currently Amended) A mobile device comprising:

a housing;

a combination attachment and acoustic port comprising an opening formed at least partially in the housing, the combination attachment and acoustic port including a surrounding wall structure and at least one attaching bar extending across the opening port for connecting to an external strap member,

wherein the attaching bar is spaced with respect to the port such that an open area around the attaching bar is of a sufficient size to allow the external strap member to be attached around the attaching bar; and
a speaker positioned within the mobile device with respect to the combination attachment and acoustic port for directing sound through the combination attachment and acoustic port and out of the mobile device.

17. (Original) The mobile device of claim 16 wherein the attaching bar comprises a rigid material.

18. (Original) The mobile device of claim 16 further comprising an acoustic channel disposed within the mobile device between the speaker and the combined attachment and acoustic port to direct sound through the combination attachment and acoustic port and out of the mobile device.

19. (Original) The mobile device of claim 16 wherein the speaker directs high-level voice audio out of the mobile device via the combined attachment and acoustic port.

20. (Original) The mobile device of claim 16 wherein the speaker projects notification signals out of the mobile device via the combined attachment and acoustic port.

21. (Original) The mobile device of claim 16 wherein the mobile device comprises at least one of a portable radio, a portable cassette player, a portable CD player, a portable mini-disc player, and a portable MP3 player.

22. (Original) The mobile device of claim 16 further comprising a communication circuit disposed within the housing for transmitting and receiving signals.
23. (Original) The mobile device of claim 22 wherein the mobile device comprises at least one of a cellular telephone, a personal data assistant, a pager, and a personal communications system.
24. (Original) The mobile device of claim 16 wherein the combined attachment and acoustic port is disposed on an outer edge of the housing.
25. (Currently Amended) A mobile device comprising:
a housing; and
a combination port comprising an opening disposed at least partially in the housing, said combination port comprising:
projecting means for projecting audible signals from the mobile device; and
attaching means for attaching an external strap member to the mobile device.
26. (Currently Amended) The mobile device of claim 25 wherein the attaching means for attaching the external strap member comprises an attachment member disposed in the combination port.
27. (Currently Amended) The mobile device of claim 26 wherein the attachment member is spaced with respect to the combination port such that an open area defined between the attachment member and the combination port is of a sufficient size to attach the external strap member to the attachment member.

28. (Original) The mobile device of claim 25 further comprising channeling means for channeling the audible signals from a speaker disposed within the housing to the combination port.

29. (Original) The mobile device of claim 25 wherein the mobile device comprises at least one of a portable radio, a portable cassette player, a portable CD player, a portable mini-disc player, and a portable MP3 player.

30. (Original) The mobile device of claim 25 further comprising transmitting means for transmitting and receiving communication signals.

31. (Original) The mobile device of claim 30 wherein the mobile device comprises at least one of a cellular telephone, a personal data assistant, a pager, and a personal communication system.